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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 2, 2003 for the above-captioned application, and in view of the Examiner's refusal to enter the amendment to the claim therein, please make the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

12. (amended) The test kit of claim 11, wherein said assay device comprises a porous carrier strip disposed within a hollow casing, said porous carrier strip having the detection zone disposed thereon, and wherein the labeled reagent specifically binds to the detection zone.

I hereby certify that this paper and any attachments named herein are being sent by facsimile transmittal to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9307 on June 30. 2003

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